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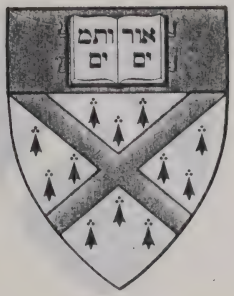
YALE UNIVERSITY

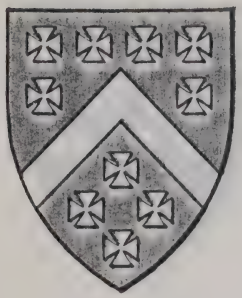
Azure; upon an open book, edges gold, covers and ties silver, the words אורים ותמים. The motto LUX ET VERITAS is usually inscribed beneath the shield on a ribbon.

YALE COLLEGE



Ermine, a saltire gules; a chief of the arms of the University.

BERKELEY



Gules, a chevron
and ten crosses,
paty silver.

BRANFORD

Azure, ten open books silver, edges gold; in a chief gold three elm leaves vert.

CALHOUN

Silver, a saltire engrailed sable; a chief of the arms of the University.

DAVENPORT

Silver, a chevron and three cross crosslets fitchy sable.

TIMOTHY DWIGHT

Silver, a lion passant above a cross crosslet fitchy gules; in a chief gules a crescent silver.

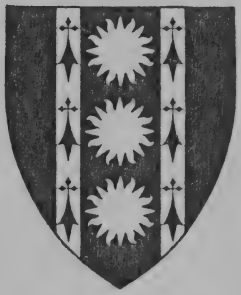
JONATHAN EDWARDS

Ermine, a lion
rampant, vert.

MORSE

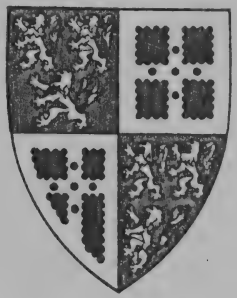
Silver, a battle axe in pale gules, between three pellets sable.

PIERSON



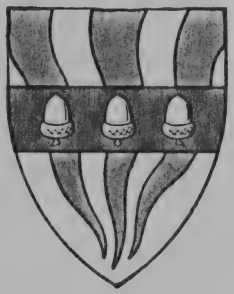
Sable, three suns gold between two pales gold, ermined sable.

SAYBROOK



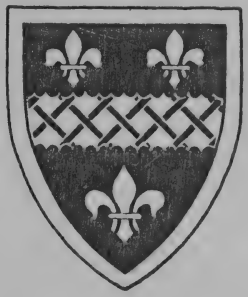
Quarterly I and IV azure, three lions rampant, gold; II and III sable, an engrailed cross within a border engrailed, both gold, and five roundels sable on the cross.

SILLIMAN



Silver, three piles wavy gules, on a fess vert three acorns gold.

EZRA STILES



Sable, a fess engrailed, fretty of the field gold and sable, between three fleurs-de-lis gold and a border gold.

TRUMBULL

Silver, three bulls'
heads razed sable.

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YALE UNIVERSITY

☙ The source of the Yale arms is the device upon the seal adopted by the Trustees of Yale College in the early eighteenth century. The unknown designer identified the book as the Bible by words which read "Urim and Thummim," probably names of sacred lots to be cast for the purpose of ascertaining the divine will (cf. Exodus 28:30; I Samuel 14:40 f.; Ezra 2:63). Their suggestion that the book contains divine revelations would be clear to scholars who read the Scriptures in the original Hebrew. But for others the designer added a translation in the vernacular.

When the translation of the Old Testament was made in Greek, the real meaning of "Urim and Thummim" was no longer known, and different words were used in different passages to translate them. Among the renderings given were "Light"

and "Truth," and it is this interpretation which was chosen for the seal-legend and placed outside of the shield in Latin: Lux et Veritas.

YALE COLLEGE

Elihu Yale, although born in Boston and the grandson of the second wife of Theophilus Eaton, co-founder of New Haven, lived only two years in America. He later became Governor of the East India Company in Madras, and his benefactions caused the Collegiate School to adopt the name of Yale College in 1718. The Yale family arms has appropriately been incorporated into the arms of the College along with the arms of the University in chief.

BERKELEY COLLEGE (1934)

The college is named to honor Bishop George Berkeley in recogni-

tion of the assistance—land and books—which he gave to Yale in its early days. The arms came from the seal impressed upon the deed by which the philosopher conveyed to the Collegiate School title to his farm in Rhode Island.

BRANFORD COLLEGE (1933)

The design of the field recalls the meeting in 1701 at the house of the Reverend Samuel Russel in Branford where, tradition says, ten Connecticut Congregational ministers by a gift of books founded the Collegiate School which became Yale College. The elm leaves in a chief of gold are symbolic of the permanent establishment of Yale in New Haven, whose citizens had outbid other communities in both land and money for the privilege of having the young college in their midst.

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CALHOUN COLLEGE (1933)

John Caldwell Calhoun, Yale 1804, was descended from a Scotch-Irish family which, like many northern clans, adopted as a device a form of St. Andrews' cross or saltire. For the college at Yale which bears the statesman's name, the arms of the University were added in chief to the device associated with his family.

DAVENPORT COLLEGE (1933)

The Reverend John Davenport, the co-founder of the New Haven Colony, was descended from the Davenports of Davenport County, Chester, England. The family arms with chevron and pointed crosses seemed appropriate for a college bearing the name of a militant divine.

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TIMOTHY DWIGHT
COLLEGE (1935)

This coat came from a tankard made in 1725 by Jacob Hurd, of Boston, for Timothy and Experience Dwight, grandparents of the elder of the two Timothy Dwights who were Presidents of Yale and whom the college commemorates. The arms were probably invented by the silversmith. For the college the red of the chief, the only color indicated on the tankard arms, was used for the lion and cross as well.

JONATHAN EDWARDS
COLLEGE (1933)

Here is a simplified form of arms designed for the Reverend Jonathan Edwards, Yale 1720. It was engraved upon a tankard made in 1757 by Zachariah Brigden, of Boston, who had learned his art as apprentice to Jonathan's kinsman, Thomas Edwards.

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MORSE COLLEGE (1962)

Named for America's "Leonardo," Samuel F. B. Morse, Yale 1810, the inventor and artist, who lived many years in New Haven, the college takes the design of its arms from the Morse family. Its motto is "In Deo non armis fido" ("In God, not arms, I trust").

PIERSON COLLEGE (1933)

The Reverend Abraham Pierson, first Rector of Yale, may have descended from the Middlesex branch of the family but was more probably a member of the northern branch and the grandson of Abram Pierson of Thornton in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Both branches of the family used a punning or rebus coat of suns piercing the darkness.

SAYBROOK COLLEGE (1933)

Quarters I and IV are for Fiennes, the family of Lord Saye and Sele; II

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and III are for Greville, the family of Lord Brook. These ancient coats recall two of the seventeenth-century English proprietors of land at the mouth of the Connecticut River. Their names were combined in the name of the town which was the site of the Collegiate School before its removal to New Haven.

SILLIMAN COLLEGE (1940)

Benjamin Silliman, Yale 1796, was a pioneer in the teaching of science, then called natural philosophy. The "elements" of the ancient philosophers—air and water, fire and earth—are suggested in the white field and the red and green ordinaries. Together they reflect the eminence of Professor Silliman as chemist and geologist. The acorns, a charge not uncommon in Dutch heraldry, recall that the college was made possible

by the bequest of Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Yale 1876.

EZRA STILES COLLEGE (1962)

The Stiles family was armigerous, and the college named in honor of Ezra Stiles, Yale 1746, has adopted the identical arms. Stiles, a distinguished scholar and eighth President of Yale, was responsible for devising the "Plan of a University" which later became the organizational pattern for most American universities.

TRUMBULL COLLEGE (1933)

An old device of the Trumbulls of Scotland appears in the arms of the college named for Jonathan Trumbull, Governor of the Colony of Connecticut and later of the State. The design for the college is adapted from that on the Governor's seal which is in the Yale Art Gallery.

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The illustrations of the arms of the University were drawn by John Howard Benson, and those of the arms of the College by Theodore Sizer and Robert W. Galvin. Those of Branford, Timothy Dwight, Jonathan Edwards, Saybrook, and Silliman Colleges are from drawings by Fritz Kredel. The arms of Berkeley College were drawn by Robert W. Galvin; of Calhoun and Pierson by Pierre La Rose; of Davenport by Emerson Tuttle; of Trumbull, Morse, and Ezra Stiles by Theodore Sizer.

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